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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

The County of Los Angeles, under the theme “A Walk for Life,” will launch its 2007 March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign, a voluntary event, with a training workshop for departmental coordinators on Monday, February 26, in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Campaign policies, procedures, timelines and accounting requirements are highlighted at the annual training.

Also, department heads and coordinators will attend the County executive kick-off breakfast on March 20, 2007 at the Music Center, hosted by the March of Dimes.

County employees on a voluntary basis have generously supported March of Dimes WalkAmerica, contributing more than \$315,000 last year. The County team hopes to match its success of last year, when it reclaimed the Top Public Sector Trophy from the city of Los Angeles.

The 2007 WalkAmerica drive will include “County Night at Dodger Stadium” on Saturday, April 21, “Blue Jeans for Babies Days” on Wednesday, May 30, and Thursday, May 31, department fundraisers, Med-Walks at County hospitals and clinics and other special events.

Funds raised for the March of Dimes are used to support research into the causes and preventions for prematurity and genetic birth defects. The funds also

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support community educational programs to help pregnant women prevent premature birth and have healthy babies.

People who have received a polio vaccine or whose baby was treated for respiratory distress syndrome have benefited from the March of Dimes funding. County hospitals, including Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and LAC+USC Medical Center, have received March of Dimes funding.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Proclaim April 28, 2007 as “County of L.A. March of Dimes WalkAmerica Day;”
2. Proclaim May 30 and 31, 2007 as “Blue Jeans for Babies Days” throughout Los Angeles County, in support of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign;
3. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$850.00 for 50 cars at the Music Center garage for departmental coordinators attending the annual executive kick-off breakfast for the campaign on March 20, 2007;
4. Waive Countywide vendor fees in the amount of \$15,000, excluding cost of liability insurance, for departmental fundraising activities;
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Office and the Director of Internal Services to provide the necessary support services; and
6. Encourage all County employees and Department/District Heads to voluntarily participate in the County’s 2007 March of Dimes WalkAmerica event on Saturday, April 28, 2007, which is a worthwhile effort to reduce premature births and genetic birth defects in the County.

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